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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 186

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 8, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Lobbyist Activity Reports.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Errington

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Lobbyist Activity Reports-* The bill requires lobbyist activity reports to include: (1) expenditures for advertising, mass mailings, publications, or other efforts to inform the general public or urge the general public to take any action for the purpose of influencing any legislative action; and (2) the name and permanent address of each person that contributed or provided at least \$500 for those expenditures.

Expansion of Registration Statement Filings- The bill requires a person whose lobbying services are performed without compensation, but who expends at least \$500 in reportable expenditures for lobbying, to file a registration statement. The bill defines "lobbying" to include communicating by any means to inform the general public or to urge the general public to take any action with the purpose of influencing any legislative action.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Lobbyist Activity Reports-* The bill would require the Lobby Registration Commission to revise their lobbyist activity reports. Revision of these reports would likely be accomplished with minimal expenditure. Costs for revised forms would likely be minimal, as these reports are currently available electronically on the Commission's website for individual printing.

Expansion of Registration Statement Filings- The Commission would have additional registration filings to process, but the additional filings could be processed within the level of existing resources.

Background on the Lobby Registration Commission- The Indiana Lobby Registration Commission has been appropriated \$218,395 for FY 2007 by the General Assembly. The Commission reverted \$2,380 in FY 2006.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Expansion of Registration Statement Filings-* If additional filings occur, lobby registration fee revenue would increase. The current annual fee for filing is \$100 (\$50 if associated with a nonprofit organization). Fees are deposited into the state General Fund.

Background: During FY 2006, the Commission collected \$160,209 in fee revenue from registrants.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Lobby Registration Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State Budget Agency: *FY2006 General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries*; State of Indiana: *List of Appropriations July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2007*; <http://www.in.gov/ilrc/forms/index.html>.

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